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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1184 crashes as compared to 1128 crashes in July of 2005. This was an increase of 4.9%. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities remained the same. In actual numbers, there were 7 fatal crashes in July 2006 and July 2005. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 23% decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 57 commercial crashes investigated this month, there was 0 fatality; 15 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 42 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.8% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 771 crash reports in July 2006. This resulted in 3906 crash reports being mailed out, 36.1% less than last year. There were 896 visitors to the Front Office that required services which was an increase of 1.5% when compared to July 2005. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 27,432 CAD incidents and approximately 36,000 telephone calls.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall enforcement of 34.5% in July 2006, as compared to July 2005. This increase may be a result of the recent recruitment, hiring and training of new officers into the vacant officer positions here in the Southern Command. Total DUI arrests were up 10% as compared to last year. DUI's from crashes were down 25.6% as compared to July 2005. Occupant restraint violations were up 61% over July 2005.

As the Southern Command continues to train its newest officers in the area of Traffic Enforcement, the new officers are going to aid and bring to the Las Vegas Valley more trained DPS Officers for our highways of Nevada. We are driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence and the command extends their thanks to all those who assisted us in gaining more officers within our patrol area.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	Aug-06		Aug-05	% Change		July-06	% Change
Total crashes	1254		1162	7.9%		1184	5.9%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	957		873	9.6%		899	6.5%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	294		280	5.0%		279	5.4%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3		9	-66.7%		7	-57.1%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	69		45	53.3%		32	115.6%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3		9	-66.7%		9	-66.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		2	-50.0%		2	-50.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		2	-200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		4	-400.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		1	-100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2		2	0.0%		0	200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	71		67	6.0%		57	24.6%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	55		49	12.2%		42	31.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	16		17	-5.9%		15	6.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.2 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.5%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.7 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 7.9 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 6 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 66.9%compared to last year.

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	Aug-06		Aug-05	% Change		July-06	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	69		45	53.3%		32	115.6%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	197		124	58.9%		208	-5.3%
Other arrests	1104		869	27.0%		1009	9.4%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	471		364	29.4%		456	3.3%
Speed violations	3154		2476	27.4%		3939	-19.9%
Hazardous moving violations	2168		1874	15.7%		2639	-17.8%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	696		451	54.3%		823	-15.4%
Total violations [above violations included]	10582		8373	26.4%		11936	-11.3%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	83		71	16.9%		76	9.2%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	261		142	83.8%		215	21.4%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	770		819	-6.0%		800	-3.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	3		3			26	-88.5%
Total safety violations -- citation	382		151	153.0%		337	13.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1936		1083	78.8%		2082	-7.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	118		60	96.7%		130	-9.2%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	65		79	-17.7%		63	3.2%
Total school buses inspected	347		58	498.3%		5	6840.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	39		11	254.5%		0	3900.0%
Total trucks weighed	88		645	-86.4%		1775	-95.0%
Total overweight citations	72		7	928.6%		58	24.1%
Total dyed fuel inspections	759		822	-7.7%		828	-8.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		2	-50.0%		6	-83.3%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		1		2
Safety Violations Citation	0		0		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0		3		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		0		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		0		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

## OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.15%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 28.76 years old.
- ✱ 14 % of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 5 % of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ✱ Traffic Enforcement is up 34.5% from last year and down 2.0 % from last month.
- ✱ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement is up 16.9 % from last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle inspections are down 6.7 % from last year.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	July-06		July-05	% Change		June-06	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	78235		100821	-22.4%		80224	-2.5%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	788970		416832	89.3%		799272	-1.3%
CAD Incidents	26812		24002	11.7%		27432	-2.3%
Telephone Calls	31901		41302	-22.8%		36000	-11.4%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	92		150	-38.7%		148	-37.8%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	1359		1234	10.1%		771	76.3%
Arrest Reports Processed							
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	19		8	137.5%		12	58.3%
Vehicle Impound Releases	127		102	24.5%		111	14.4%
Visitors at Counter	987		916	7.8%		896	10.2%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	5618		7287	-22.9%		3906	43.8%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received							
Warrants Entered							
Warrants Cleared							
Warrants Validated							
Extradition / Transports							
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	79		58	36.2%		73	8.2%
New Items Submitted	146		99	47.5%		121	20.7%
Items Disposed	11		4	175%		20	-45%

\*\*\*Information is received from a private entity and they have identified problems within their calculations.

**EVIDENCE**

- Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 87.3 % of case submissions.
- Parole and Probation responsible for 11.4 % of case submissions.
- Division of Investigation responsible for 1.3 % of case submissions.
- State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0% of case submissions.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION****NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:**

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

**HEAT PROGRAM: TRAFFIC SAFETY CLASSES:**

The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community.

Several Troopers checked out the Camaro and HEAT truck to take to several schools throughout the valley to talk to the students about seat belt safety. We were also honored to lead a driving safety and DUI awareness session for the employees at Hoover Dam.

**HEAT RACING CONTINUED:**

The HEAT involvement with the Midnight Mayhem series continues to be a hit with all participants. Good community turnout with a great chance to meet with many of the teen "racers". June 2, 2006

**DRIVER'S EDGE:**

The HEAT program continues to be a strong asset to the Driver's Edge program. Driver's Edge is designed to teach adults and teens to know their own limitations as well as the limitations of their vehicle. The HEAT presentation includes a DUI discussion and activities as well as presentations on seat belt safety and traffic laws.

**COURAGE TO LIVE PROGRAM:**

The HEAT program welcomes another positive addition to the NHP. The Courage to Live program will provide an educational presentation as well as an open discussion forum for adults and parents of middle school and high school students throughout the Las Vegas Valley. We are still in the planning stages and plan to hit at least 2 middle schools in the Fall.

**DPS EXPLORERS PROGRAM:**

The HEAT program is in the process of putting another strong tool in the shed of the Nevada Department of Public Safety. Preliminary talks have begun with the Boy Scouts in an attempt to re-start and Explorer Program. The program will be run under the care of the Training Division. This promises to be a very positive addition to the DPS.

**Public Requests for Information: 193**

16 were forwarded to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints

216 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain a accident report

**Press releases: 9**

6 were fatality related and all 9 were related to the Highway Patrol